

Abstract of the Disclosure

Displaying Image Data

A method of viewing a clip of image data stored (109) remotely on a network (106). The viewing is performed by an image processing station (101) connected to the network. Frames of a clip are prefetched (701) and certain of the frames in a frame sequence are skipped, in alternation with frames that are fetched. Frames are skipped to compensate for network conditions. Display (702) of the prefetched frames is performed by selecting (1001) a prefetched frame for display appropriate to the elapsed real time since playback started. The clip is viewed in real time, even though the network (106) does not necessarily support the data transfer rate required for full playback of the clip.

(Figure 8)

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